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## ANNUAL MEETING OF BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Election of Officers: A. F. Allen, Pres. H. F. Ferguson Sec. Treas. and R. E. Bates Asst. Sec. Treas.

### MUCH PARTY STRIFE

Amendment Offered to Provide For Annual Elections

The annual meeting of the Biological Society was held Thursday afternoon in 28 Pierce. Despite the absence of Babbitt, the other political bosses, Powell and Ireland, we were ready for anything and everything. When the meeting was called to order by President Schmidt, it was announced that, owing to threats against this life and liberty he had been forced to appoint Powell secretary-treasurer pro-tem. Thus the politicians gained control of the society's funds but as these were later found to be missing quantities, the conspirators were much disappointed.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report having been read and accepted, the election of officers for next year was held. Bosses Ireland and Powell having been appointed tellers, the machine dominated and controlled the whole affair. The machine nominated Allen '12 for President, Ferguson '12 for Secretary Treasurer and Bates '13 for Asst. Sec. Treas. The independents nominated Coburn '12 for President, Tolman '12 for Sec. Treas., but were unable to agree on a nominee for asst. sec. treasurer. The insurgents nominated Murray '12 for President, and Lafreniere and Levine for Assistant secretary treasurer.

The machine showed that it had lost none of its old-time power and the following officers were elected: President, Andrew F. Allen '12; Secretary Treasurer, Harry F. Ferguson '12 and Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Ralph E. Bates '13. Boss Powell then offered an amendment which will be acted upon at the next meeting. This amendment is to provide for the annual election of officers instead of semi-annual as at present.

## PROSPECTS FOR RECORD DRILL FRIDAY NIGHT

Will Show the Result of a Year's Faithful Work; Social Aspect Prominent

Every company of the Tech Battalion is in the best of shape, and the competitive drill, which is to be held next Friday evening, May 19th in the Irvington Street Armory, promises to be a brilliant spectacle. The men this year, both officers and privates are especially well uniformed. The inspiring work of Captain Bookmiller, who is widely recognized as a most able drill master, and the conscientious effort of the officers and privates has brought the companies almost to a state of perfection.

Both company and individual drill will be held. Four men from each company have been selected for the individual competition. Two prizes, first and second, will be awarded to the best company.

President Maclaurin will review the Battalion in the evening, other members of the faculty, and the many friends of the cadets will be present, a fact which will lend the affair a very pleasant social aspect.

Tickets for admission are now on sale at the Cage. It is the duty of every student to be there.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLASS DAY COMPLETED

Class Day Committee Has Very Little Work Before Them. Innovation Made by Dance Committee

### ASSESSMENT MUST BE PAID

Graduation Notices to be Given Out After Class Dinner.

Practically all the arrangements of this year's senior week festivities have been completed by the 1911 Class Day Committee. Chairman Parker has kept the committee hard at work and excellent results have been accomplished.

One innovation in this year's program which seems destined to make a Hit with a capital H, is that recently made by the dance committee. This committee has decided that at the annual dance, which will be held in the Tuileries on the evening of Monday June 5, all men desiring to, may wear white flannel trousers and black coats, instead of the regulation dress suit. It is however emphasized by the committee that either a dress suit or flannels must be worn, no compromises in the forms of black suits, outing suits, etc. being tolerated.

But few of the seniors have paid up their class dues and the \$5.00 assessment, but it is doubtless merely an oversight on the part of most men. Admittance will not be allowed to any of the functions with the exception of graduation, which is controlled entirely by the faculty, unless all dues and the assessment have been paid.

Class Day will be held in Huntington Hall on the afternoon of Monday, June fifth. The following program has been arranged by the sub-committee on class day exercises:

- Music
- President's address D. R. Stevens.
- First Marshal's address First Marshal T. B. Parker
- Music
- Gift Oration P. D. White
- Music
- Class History R. H. Ranger
- Class Statistics I. W. Wilson
- Music
- Presentation of Class Gift to Institute Third Marshal W. C. Salisbury
- Class Prophecy Second Marshal O. B. Denison

A big time is to be had at the dinner, which will this year be held in the Copley Square on the evening of June first. Graduation notices will be given out at Rogers building immediately after the dinner.

The other events of the week include the baccalaureate sermon in Trinity Church, Sunday, June fourth; the spread on the lawn after Class Day exercises; the president's reception immediately after graduation exercises; and Tech night at the Pops that evening.

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The word "Technology" has been registered at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co., as the cable address of the Institute. Cablegrams bearing the word "Technology" will be delivered promptly to the Institute.

Walter Humphreys, Registrar.

## VOL. XXX ENDS YEAR IN BLAZE OF GLORY

Annual Banquet at American House is Grand Wind-Up of Year

### EVERYBODY HAPPY

Speakers—Mr. Gavin of the Globe, Mr. Ballou and Prof. Robinson

At promptly six forty-five o'clock last evening, the members of "The Tech" sat down to a sumptuous dinner at the New American House. The banquet was tendered to the retiring Managing Board of "The Tech."

The first jovial note of the affair was struck when the assembly scanned the menu. Characteristic features of the paper were there burlesqued in a most ludicrous manner.

A page headed "Managing Board" ran thus:

Volume XXX  
"As pearls from diamonds dropped."

STANLEY EDWARDS BATES, 1911

General Manager  
"And the Devil hath power."

GERALD MARCY KEITH, 1912

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"It may be thought we held him carelessly."

ELLIOT WHITNEY TARR, 1912

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"And botched up the words to fit his own thoughts."

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"I took it for a man."

AARON LEON MYERS, 1911

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"As mad as the vexed sea."

ALGERTON T. GIBSON, 1913

Circulation Manager  
"What a pestilent knave is this same."

The toast master, Stanley Edwards Bates, with a few well chosen and appropriate stories, introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. George B. Gavin, assistant City Editor of the *Boston Globe*.

Mr. Gavin addressed his audience as "Fellow journalists" and received a vociferous ovation. He gave a very interesting talk on the obstacles of newspaper work. The most interesting thing of newspaper work to him is the getting out of a paper in a hurry. A scoop is not generally the result of a prepared and concentrated effort; but is usually the result of chance. When the *Globe* printed the news of Tennyson's death, it was commented upon all over the world. It was a scoop, pure and simple, but it was, however, merely the result of a drunken telegraph operator and a poker game. The Chelsea fire was, however, a marvelous example of preparedness on the part of a newspaper. The different men of the paper were away on various enjoyable affairs. Calls for them went out and they came to the office in various conditions of mind and dress and then the entire resources of the paper were directed to the "covering" of the fire. Mr. Gavin's remarks were very well received and warmly applauded.

The next speaker was Mr. Ballou, the printer of *The Tech* during the past year. Mr. Ballou said that *The Tech* ought to be a paying proposition. A college paper is sure to appeal to quite a number of advertisers, and a summer canvasser would be a good idea. A Kansas paper once commented on a poor appearance in the next issue by saying that it was

## AERONAUTICAL CLUB HAS HAD BANNER YEAR

Experiments Have Been Carried on During the Whole Year at Quarters of the Club

### MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Several Members Have Taken up Thesis Work in Aeronautics

The last eight months were marked with notable activity and changes on the part of the Aero Club. The quarters which it held last year, the large rotunda of the Shoe and Leather Exhibition Building, had to be given up on account of alterations, and the Club shifted its location to the works of Kearn and Co. in Cambridge. Although there its gliding facilities were none of the best, the members had a chance to work during the night on constructional, and repair work and this opportunity was amply made use of. A further shift of location was brought about in March.

Mr. Clalin, the manager of the Harvard Aviation Field at Squantum, made arrangements with the various aeronautical societies to bring their gliders to the field and provided sheds for their housing; incidentally he built a gliding slope, i. e. an inclined plane with tracks on it, from which the aviator can be shot down and by virtue of the velocity gained glide for considerable distances. The "Slope" is put on wheels and thus can be turned facing the wind under all conditions. The Club has been experimenting with this and several changes have been made at the Club's suggestion. It is very probable that several of the members will stay at the aviation field after the exam week to continue work on gliding experiments.

The work of the Club has not been confined to gliding alone. During the early part of the season a series of illustrated lectures were given on the theory and practice of gliding by Mr. Merrill. A trip to the Burgess Aeroplane Works was also undertaken later on in the season and this together with the building of gliders has given the members training in the handling of aeronautical stock.

A small two cycle Aeronautical motor has been procured and put up in the mechanical laboratories for the purpose of testing propellers and if it shows good results, it is the intention of the Club to use it for propelling one of its gliders.

The two twenty foot gliders have been supplemented by Mr. Dalrymple's thirty foot machine. The supporting surface of three hundred square feet will enable the machine to make longer glides than those attained by either of the two smaller machines.

The purpose of the Aero Club, the bringing together of men interested in aeronautical work, has been amply accomplished and several of the members been prompted to undertake aeronautical thesis work. The experiments be carried out along the same lines next year and it is hoped that all men who are interested in aeronautical progress will communicate with the secretary, Mr. Caldwell, or one of the members of the Club.

due to the "devil" that he got his rolls too near the fire.

Mr. Bates next introduced Professor Robinson as a man who has always been very much interested in *The Tech*, in fact, that he was "one of the greatest friends" *The Tech* "ever had."

Professor Robinson's beginning was as a "near" journalist on the Phillips Andover "Mirror." His next venture was during his course at Harvard.

Professor Robinson then gave an ac-

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## WHY IS BASKETBALL? LOOKS LIKE IT ISN'T!

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### AN APPRECIATION

That the Tech has the sincere support of one of the Institute's organizations, was made evident yesterday, when a bill for three dollars rendered to 1912 Prom Committee was returned with a check for twenty-five dollars. The efficiency of this committee was such that a surplus was left in the treasury after all expenses had been paid, and they have been kind enough to attribute some of the reason for this result to the publicity gained through the co-operation of this paper. We extend our hearty thanks to the Committee for their generous recognition.

### SPEED OF 50 KNOTS Per Hour on Water

One of the latest challengers for the British International Trophy this year is the "Maple Leaf III," which has just been launched in England to compete in this race in August. Her motors have not yet run at full power, and when she attained her record speed of 49 1-2 knots over the measured mile in Southampton, she still had a reserve of engine power. Nominally, the motors were to have developed 400 h. p., but as now installed the full power available from each will be 325 h. p. The engines will thus never be pressed and will therefore enjoy less liability to break down.

The boat is of the hydroplane type, 40 feet long and 9 feet beam. There are two twelve cylinder engines of 400 h. p. each. In order to combine strength with lightness, there is a central girder which runs down the boat, the bottom member forming the keel, the girder being of sufficient strength to support the weight of the whole boat and engines, when supported either between a point in the middle and one end, or at the extreme ends. From this girder are hung the two engines, and by careful design, the whole of the thrust of the propellers is also transferred to it. The bottom of the boat is of mahogany; from the stem to the step, which is about mid-ship, is in three thicknesses, and from the step aft to the top sides in two.

### INSTITUTE DISAPPROVES ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### Many Men Express Opinion on the Action of Athletic Governing Alumni Body

Basketball has taken up most of the thinking and waking hours of a very large number of the men at the Institute during the last twenty-four hours, and it seems likely that the sport will continue in the limelight for some time to come. A great many men in and around the 'Stute have expressed themselves with more or less strength on the matter and the opinion of all is widely different from that voiced by the Advisory Council when it passed the motion which made basketball pass out of the Arena of Varsity sports at Technology.

Captain-elect R. S. Schar, 1912, in talking of the action of the Council, told of his experience at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, which he attended before coming to the Institute. There the sport was abolished by action of the Alumni body and Faculty, but it made no difference to the men on the squad; they paid no attention to the ruling and continued to play their games even in the face of expulsion, which was finally threatened by the Faculty as a penalty for playing. He said that the matter had not been taken up fairly in his opinion and that he was sure that the men here would show their feelings in a way satisfactory to all when they were given a chance through the petition.

All the men on the team and on the squad of last year are eager to play if they can only have a chance to try. They are confident that they can make a much better record than they did during the past season. There are a large number of men who will be candidates for the team next winter already at the Institute and there are always besides these a number of freshmen who want to play. In fact, many men come here because of the chance that they get to play basketball.

Hornor, the manager-elect, has a schedule of games nearly completed that will be very attractive and should allow the men on the team a chance to play their games and at the same time to give the full amount of time to their studies. There may be some difficulty in cancelling these, although of course it can be done if it is necessary.

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Mr. Bates then announced the Board for next year's *Tech*. It is to be composed of eight men who will shortly elect the news board and staff of *The Tech*. Volume XXXI. The Board comprises Charles A. Cary, 1912; LeRoy W. Chandler, 1912; Algernon T. Gibson, 1913; Herbert W. Hall, 1912; Elliot W. Tarr, 1914; Alden H. Waitt, 1914 and P. G. Whitman, 1913.

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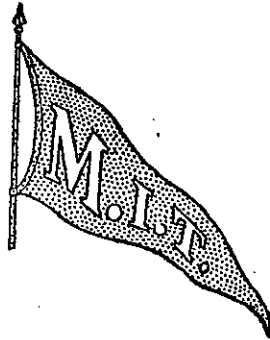
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The Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, which has advocated a paid commission to develop the docking and shipping facilities of Boston, decided yesterday to make a tour of inspection of the model docks of Montreal, Canada's big summer shipping point.

With the members of the exchange will go delegates from the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce, and, if he can arrange it, Governor Foss, who is vice-president of the exchange.

The trip of inspection is scheduled for June 6, 7 and 8. The arrival of the party at Montreal will be marked by a banquet tendered by the Montreal Board of Trade in conjunction with the other leading organizations of the city.

Premier Laurier is expected to be present, together with prominent officials of the Grand Trunk railroad and of the Montreal Harbor Commission.

The next day, Wednesday, June 7, the party will make a thorough inspection of harbor and docks and the modern facilities that have been in operation in Montreal for the handling of commerce. Other trips will be made to points of interest in the city also.

The party will arrive in Boston Thursday morning about eight o'clock. About 300 are expected to make the trip and special trains have been arranged to accommodate the investigators.

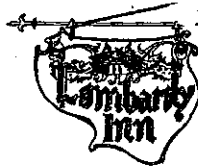
At several cities along the route through New England, the trains will stop to take on representatives of other trade organizations, making the party representative of all New England as well as of Massachusetts.

Special invitations have been issued to the members of the legislative committee on metropolitan affairs, that they may have this opportunity to see how modern port of Montreal handles the summer commerce of Canada, and to be able to apply the knowledge gained to the needs of Boston.

The project was discussed and definitely decided yesterday at a large and enthusiastic meeting of the exchange at the City Club. The decision was unanimous, and immediately following it, Secretary C. E. Lewis was besieged by requests for reservations for the trip.

After the meeting a delegation of about ten members of the exchange, headed by President Martin, waited on Governor Foss, to invite him to accompany the party. There is every prospect that the invitation will be accepted.

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